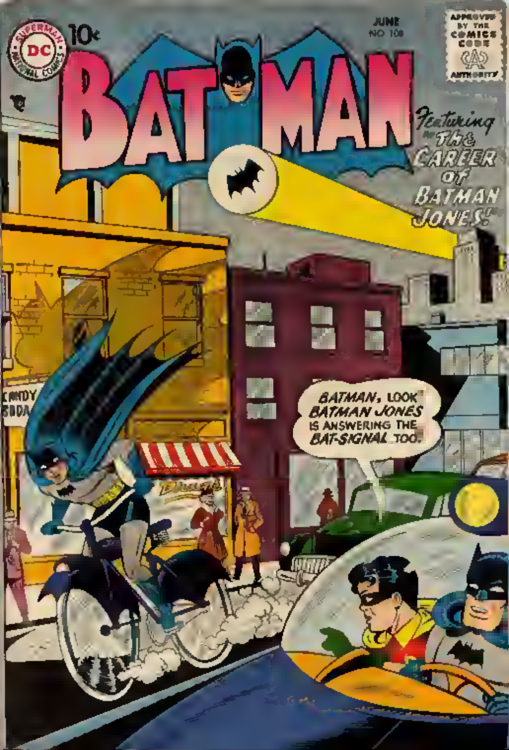
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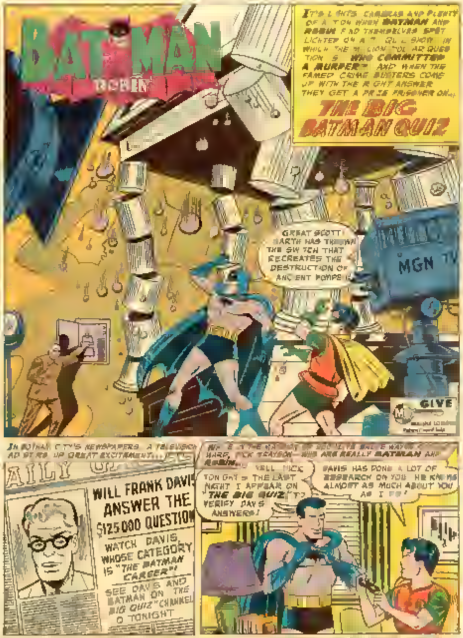
BATMAN, LOOK! BATMAN JONES IS ANSWERING THE BAT-SIGNAL TOO!


BATMAN
ROBIN
IT'S LIGHTS, CAMERAS AND PLENTY OF ACTION WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND THEMSELVES SPOTLIGHTED ON A TV QUIZ SHOW IN WHICH THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION IS ... WHO COMMITTED A MURDER? AND WHEN THE FAMED CRIME BUSTERS COME UP WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER THEY GET A PRIZE PRISONER ON...
THE BIG BATMAN QUIZ
GREAT SCOTT! EARTH HAS THROWN THE SWITCH THAT RECREATES THE DESTRUCTION OF ANCIENT POMPEII!
MGN TV
GIVE
IN GOTHAM CITY'S NEWSPAPERS, A TELEVISION AD STIRS UP GREAT EXCITEMENT...
AILY
WILL FRANK DAVIS ANSWER THE $125,000 QUESTION
WATCH DAVIS, WHOSE CATEGORY IS "THE BATMAN CAREER"!
SEE DAVIS AND BATMAN ON THE "BIG QUIZ" CHANNEL 0 TONIGHT
IN THE [illegible] OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON -- WHO ARE REALLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...
WELL, DICK, TONIGHT IS THE LAST NIGHT I APPEAR ON "THE BIG QUIZ" TO VERIFY DAVIS' ANSWERS!
DAVIS HAS DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON YOU. HE KNOWS ALMOST AS MUCH ABOUT YOU AS I DO!

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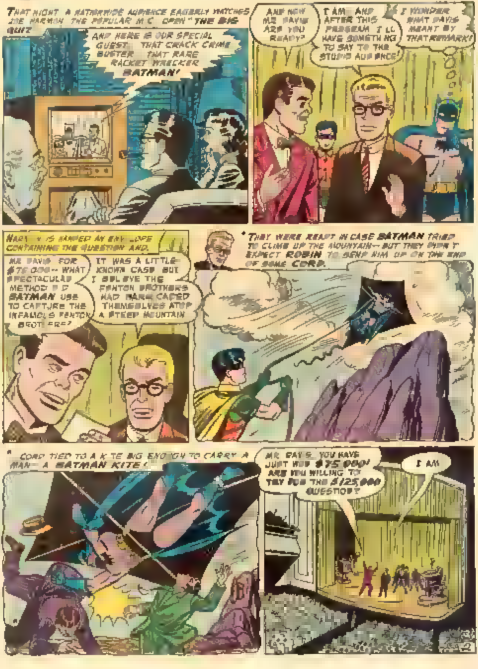
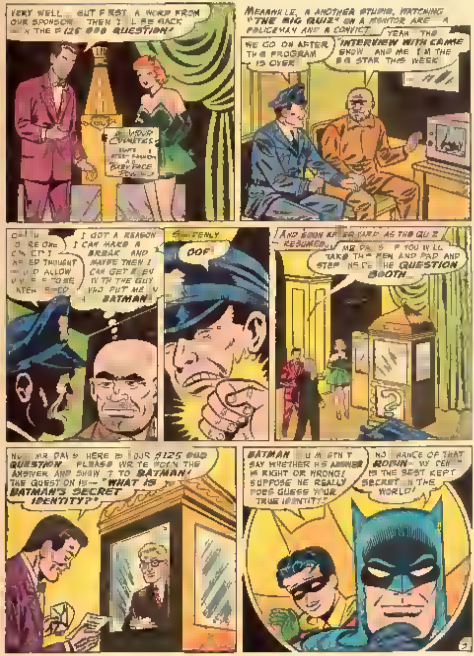
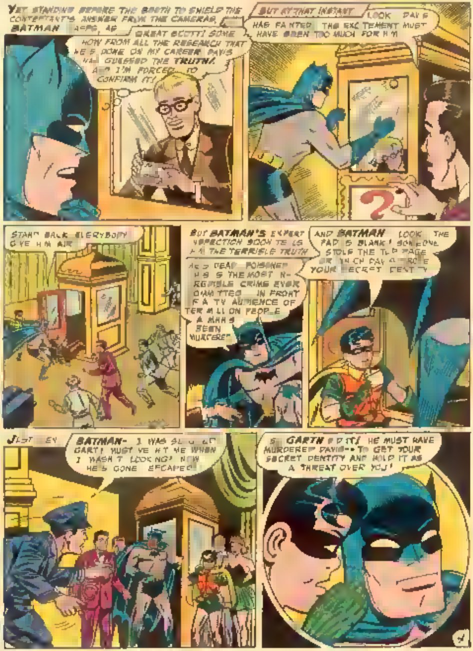
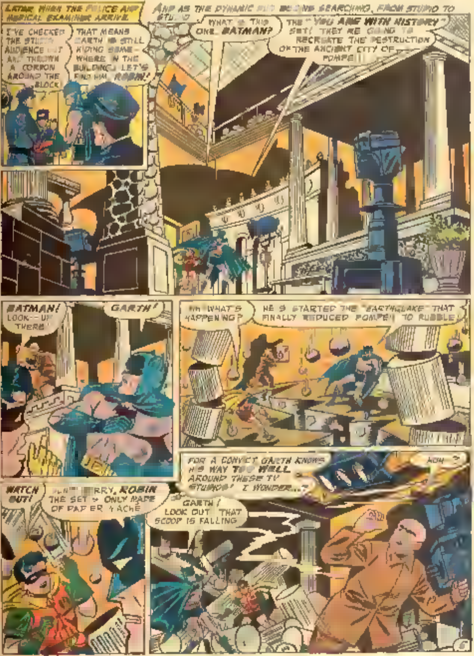
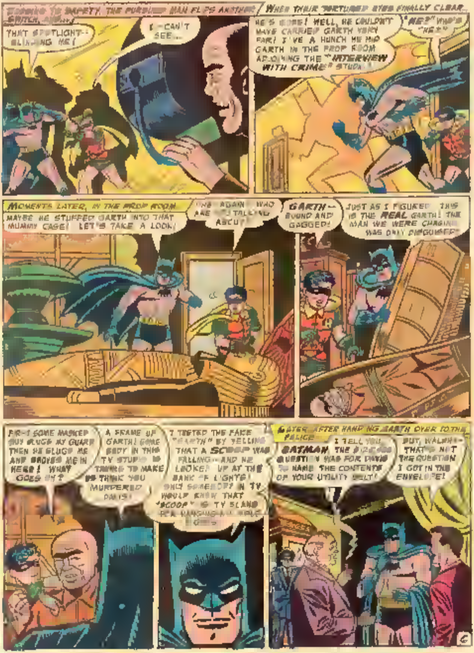

THAT NIGHT, A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE EAGERLY WATCHES JOE HARMON, THE POPULAR M.C., OPEN "THE BIG QUIZ"
AND HERE IS OUR SPECIAL GUEST, THAT CRACK CRIME BUSTER, THAT RARE RACKET WRECKER BATMAN!
AND NOW MR. DAVIS, ARE YOU READY?
I AM, AND AFTER THIS PROGRAM I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE STUDIO AUDIENCE!
I WONDER WHAT DAVIS MEANT BY THAT REMARK!
HARMON IS HANDED AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE QUESTION AND...
MR. DAVIS, FOR $75,000-- WHAT SPECTACULAR METHOD DID BATMAN USE TO CAPTURE THE INFAMOUS FENTON BROTHERS?
IT WAS A LITTLE-KNOWN CASE, BUT I BELIEVE THE FENTON BROTHERS HAD BARRICADED THEMSELVES ATOP A STEEP MOUNTAIN
*THEY WERE READY IN CASE BATMAN TRIED TO CLIMB UP THE MOUNTAIN-- BUT THEY DIDN'T EXPECT ROBIN TO SEND HIM UP ON THE END OF SOME CORD.
*CORD TIED TO A KITE BIG ENOUGH TO CARRY A MAN-- A BATMAN KITE!
MR. DAVIS, YOU HAVE JUST WON $75,000! ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY FOR THE $125,000 QUESTION?
I AM


VERY WELL... BUT FIRST A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR... THEN I'LL BE BACK WITH THE $125,000 QUESTION!
YOUR COSMETICS ... BABY FACE POWDER
MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER STUDIO, WATCHING "THE BIG QUIZ" ON A MONITOR ARE A POLICEMAN AND A CONVICT...
WE GO ON AFTER THE PROGRAM IS OVER.
YEAH. THE "INTERVIEW WITH CRIME" SHOW. AND ME, I'M THE BIG STAR THIS WEEK!
OH... SURE ONE CONVICT I HELPED THOUGHT ... ALLOW ... [illegible]
I GOT A REASON! I CAN MAKE A BREAK, AND MAYBE THEN I CAN GET EVEN WITH THE GUY WHO PUT ME IN -- BATMAN!
SUDDENLY
OOF!
AND SOON AFTERWARD, AS THE QUIZ RESUMES...
MR. DAVIS, IF YOU WILL TAKE THE PEN AND PAD AND STEP INSIDE THE QUESTION BOOTH...
NOW, MR. DAVIS, HERE IS OUR $125,000 QUESTION. PLEASE WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER AND SHOW IT TO BATMAN! THE QUESTION IS -- "WHAT IS BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY?"
BATMAN, YOU MUSTN'T SAY WHETHER HIS ANSWER IS RIGHT OR WRONG! SUPPOSE HE REALLY DOES GUESS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY?
NO CHANCE OF THAT, ROBIN -- MY SECRET IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN THE WORLD!


YET STANDING BEFORE THE BOOTH TO SHIELD THE CONTESTANT'S ANSWER FROM THE CAMERAS, BATMAN GASPS, AS...
GREAT SCOTT! SOMEHOW FROM ALL THE RESEARCH THAT HE'S DONE ON MY CAREER, DAVIS HAS GUESSED THE TRUTH! AND I'M FORCED TO CONFIRM IT!
BUT AT THAT INSTANT
LOOK! DAVIS HAS FAINTED! THE EXCITEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HIM!
STAND BACK, EVERYBODY! GIVE HIM AIR!
BUT BATMAN'S EXPERT INSPECTION SOON TELLS HIM THE TERRIBLE TRUTH
HE'S DEAD! POISONED! THIS IS THE MOST HORRIBLE CRIME EVER COMMITTED... IN FRONT OF A TV AUDIENCE OF TEN MILLION PEOPLE, A MAN'S BEEN MURDERED!
AND BATMAN, LOOK! THE PAD IS BLANK! SOMEONE STOLE THE TOP PAGE ON WHICH DAVIS WROTE YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
?
JUST THEN
BATMAN-- I WAS SLUGGED! GARTH MUST'VE HIT ME WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING! NOW HE'S GONE-- ESCAPED!
SO GARTH DID IT! HE MUST HAVE MURDERED DAVIS-- TO GET YOUR SECRET IDENTITY AND HOLD IT AS A THREAT OVER YOU!


LATER WHEN THE POLICE AND MEDICAL EXAMINER ARRIVE
I'VE CHECKED THE STUDIO AUDIENCE OUT AND THROWN A CORDON AROUND THE BLOCK
THAT MEANS GARTH IS STILL HIDING SOME-WHERE IN THE BUILDING! LET'S FIND HIM, ROBIN!
AND AS THE DYNAMIC DUO BEGINS SEARCHING, FROM STUDIO TO STUDIO
WHAT IS THIS ONE, BATMAN?
THE "YOU ARE WITH HISTORY" SET! THEY'RE GOING TO RECREATE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF POMPEII!
BATMAN! LOOK-- UP THERE!
GARTH!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HE'S STARTED THE "EARTHQUAKE" THAT FINALLY REDUCED POMPEII TO RUBBLE!
FOR A CONVICT GARTH KNOWS HIS WAY TOO WELL AROUND THESE TV STUDIOS! I WONDER...?
HOW--?
WATCH OUT!
DON'T WORRY, ROBIN THE SET'S ONLY MADE OF PAPIER MACHE
GARTH! LOOK OUT! THAT SCOOP IS FALLING


DODGING TO SAFETY, THE PURSUED MAN FLIPS ANOTHER SWITCH, AND...
THAT SPOTLIGHT-- BLINDING ME!
I--CAN'T SEE...
WHEN THEIR TORTURED EYES FINALLY CLEAR...
HE'S GONE! WELL, HE COULDN'T HAVE CARRIED GARTH VERY FAR! I'VE A HUNCH HE HID GARTH IN THE PROP ROOM ADJOINING THE "INTERVIEW WITH CRIME" STUDIO!
"HE?" WHO'S "HE?"
MOMENTS LATER, IN THE PROP ROOM
MAYBE HE STUFFED GARTH INTO THAT MUMMY CASE! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
"HE" AGAIN! WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GARTH-- BOUND AND GAGGED!
JUST AS I FIGURED! THIS IS THE REAL GARTH! THE MAN WE WERE CHASING WAS ONLY DISGUISED!
ER--I SOME MASKED GUY SLUGS MY GUARD THEN HE SLUGS ME AND SHOVES ME IN HERE! WHAT GOES ON?
A FRAME UP, GARTH! SOMEBODY IN THIS TV STUDIO IS TRYING TO MAKE US THINK YOU MURDERED DAVIS!
I TESTED THE FAKE "GARTH" BY TELLING THAT A SCOOP WAS FALLING--AND HE LOOKED UP AT THE BANK OF LIGHTS! ONLY SOMEBODY IN TV WOULD KNOW THAT "SCOOP" IS TV SLANG FOR HANGING [illegible] LIGHTS!
LATER, AFTER HANDING GARTH OVER TO THE POLICE...
I TELL YOU, BATMAN, THE $[illegible] QUESTION WAS FOR DAVIS TO NAME THE CONTENTS OF YOUR UTILITY BELT!
BUT, WALSH-- THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION I GOT IN THE ENVELOPE!
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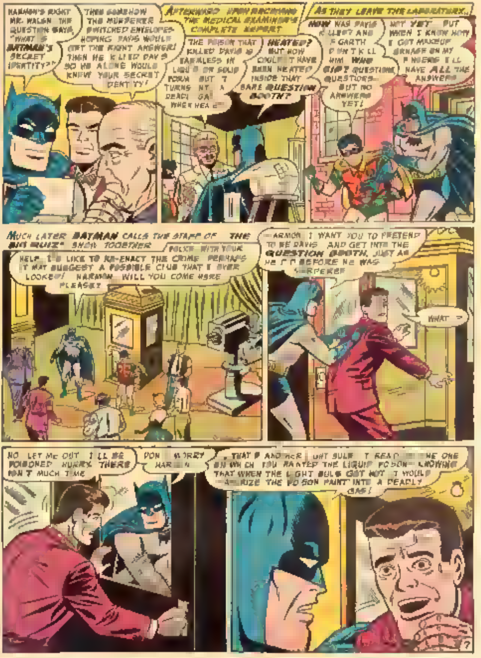
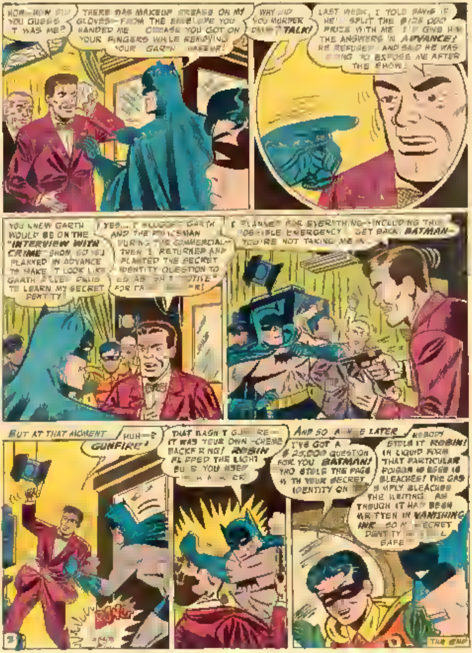

HARMON'S RIGHT, MR. WALSH. THE QUESTION SAYS, "WHAT IS BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY?"
THEN SOMEHOW THE MURDERER SWITCHED ENVELOPES, HOPING DAVIS WOULD GET THE RIGHT ANSWER! THEN HE KILLED DAVIS SO HE ALONE WOULD KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
AFTERWARD, UPON RECEIVING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S COMPLETE REPORT
THE POISON THAT KILLED DAVIS IS HARMLESS IN LIQUID OR SOLID FORM, BUT IT TURNS INTO A DEADLY GAS WHEN HEATED!
HEATED? BUT HOW COULD IT HAVE BEEN HEATED INSIDE THAT BARE QUESTION BOOTH?
AS THEY LEAVE THE LABORATORY...
HOW WAS DAVIS KILLED? AND IF GARTH DIDN'T KILL HIM, WHO DID? QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS... BUT NO ANSWERS YET!
NOT YET... BUT WHEN I KNOW HOW I GOT MAKEUP GREASE ON MY FINGERS, I'LL HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS!
MUCH LATER, BATMAN CALLS THE STAFF OF "THE BIG QUIZ" SHOW TOGETHER
FOLKS, WITH YOUR HELP, I'D LIKE TO RE-ENACT THE CRIME. PERHAPS IT MAY SUGGEST A POSSIBLE CLUE THAT I OVERLOOKED! HARMON, WILL YOU COME HERE, PLEASE?
HARMON, I WANT YOU TO PRETEND TO BE DAVIS, AND GET INTO THE QUESTION BOOTH, JUST AS HE DID BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED!
WHAT--?
NO! LET ME OUT! I'LL BE POISONED! HURRY! THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME!
DON'T WORRY, HARMON!
...THAT'S ANOTHER LIGHT BULB! [illegible] THE ONE ON WHICH YOU PAINTED THE LIQUID POISON-- KNOWING THAT WHEN THE LIGHT BULB GOT HOT, IT WOULD VAPORIZE THE POISON PAINT INTO A DEADLY GAS!


HOW—HOW DID YOU GUESS IT WAS ME?
THERE WAS MAKEUP GREASE ON MY GLOVES—FROM THE ENVELOPE YOU HANDED ME—GREASE YOU GOT ON YOUR FINGERS WHILE REMOVING YOUR GARTH MAKEUP!
WHY DID YOU MURDER DAVIS? TALK!
LAST WEEK, I TOLD DAVIS IF HE'D SPLIT THE $125,000 PRIZE WITH ME, I'D GIVE HIM THE ANSWERS IN ADVANCE! HE REFUSED, AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO EXPOSE ME AFTER THE SHOW!
YOU KNEW GARTH WOULD BE ON THE "INTERVIEW WITH CRIME" SHOW, SO YOU PLANNED IN ADVANCE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE GARTH KILLED DAVIS TO LEARN MY SECRET IDENTITY!
YES... I SLUGGED GARTH AND THE POLICEMAN DURING THE COMMERCIAL—THEN I RETURNED AND PLANTED THE SECRET IDENTITY QUESTION TO ESTABLISH A "MOTIVE" FOR [illegible]!
I PLANNED FOR EVERYTHING—INCLUDING THIS POSSIBLE EMERGENCY! GET BACK, BATMAN—YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME IN...
BUT AT THAT MOMENT
HUH—? GUNFIRE!
THAT WASN'T GUNFIRE—IT WAS YOUR OWN SCHEME BACKFIRING! ROBIN FLIPPED THE LIGHT BULB YOU USED [illegible]
BANG
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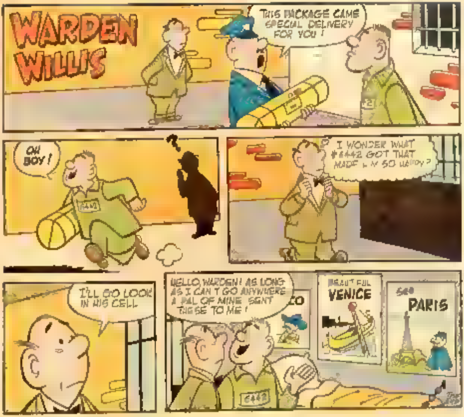
AND SO, A WHILE LATER
I'VE GOT A $25,000 QUESTION FOR YOU, BATMAN! WHO STOLE THE PAGE WITH YOUR SECRET IDENTITY ON IT?
NOBODY STOLE IT, ROBIN! IN LIQUID FORM, THAT PARTICULAR POISON HE USED IS BLEACHES! THE GAS SIMPLY BLEACHED THE WRITING, AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN VANISHING INK! SO MY SECRET IDENTITY [illegible] SAFE!
THE END


WARDEN WILLIS
THIS PACKAGE CAME SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR YOU!
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OH BOY!
?
I WONDER WHAT #6442 GOT THAT MADE HIM SO HAPPY?
I'LL GO LOOK IN HIS CELL
HELLO, WARDEN! AS LONG AS I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE A PAL OF MINE SENT THESE TO ME!
BEAUTIFUL VENICE
SEE PARIS
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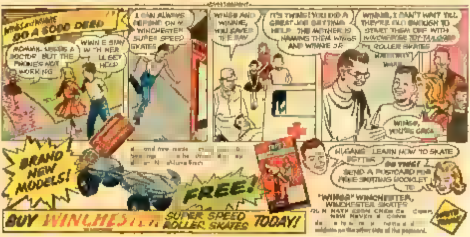
WINGS and WINNIE DO A GOOD DEED
MOMMA NEEDS A DOCTOR BUT THE PHONE'S NOT WORKING
WINNIE STAY WITH HER. I'LL GET HELP
I CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON MY WINCHESTER SUPER SPEED SKATES
WINGS AND WINNIE, YOU SAVED THE DAY
IT'S TWINS! YOU DID A GREAT JOB GETTING HELP. THE MOTHER IS NAMING THEM WINGS AND WINNIE JR.
WINNIE, I CAN'T WAIT TILL THEY'RE OLD ENOUGH TO START THEM OFF WITH WINCHESTER TOY-TAILORED ROLLER SKATES
WINGS, YOU'RE GREAT
BRAND NEW MODELS!
FREE!
HI GANG! LEARN HOW TO SKATE BETTER.
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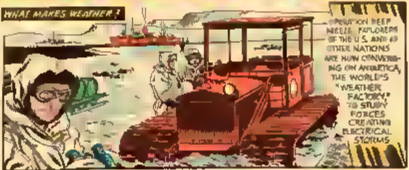

WHAT MAKES WEATHER?

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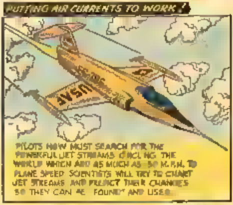
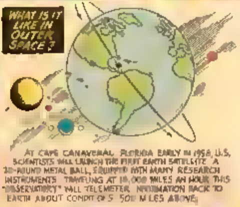


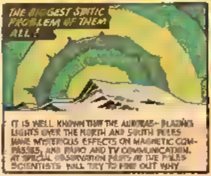
PUTTING AIR CURRENTS TO WORK!

PILOTS NOW MUST SEARCH FOR THE POWERFUL JET STREAMS CIRCLING THE WORLD WHICH ADD AS MUCH AS 50 M.P.H. TO PLANE SPEED. SCIENTISTS WILL TRY TO CHART JET STREAMS AND PREDICT THEIR CHANGES SO THEY CAN BE "FOUND" AND USED.



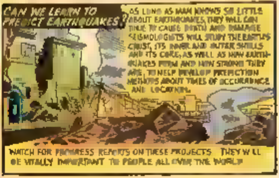
WHAT IS IT LIKE IN OUTER SPACE?

AT CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA, EARLY IN 1958, U.S. SCIENTISTS WILL LAUNCH THE FIRST EARTH SATELLITE, A 20-POUND METAL BALL, EQUIPPED WITH MANY RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS. TRAVELING AT 18,000 MILES AN HOUR, THIS "OBSERVATORY" WILL TELEMETER INFORMATION BACK TO EARTH ABOUT CONDITIONS 500 MILES ABOVE.



THE BIGGEST STATIC PROBLEM OF THEM ALL!

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE AURORAS — BLAZING LIGHTS OVER THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES — HAVE MYSTERIOUS EFFECTS ON MAGNETIC COMPASSES, AND RADIO AND TV COMMUNICATION. AT SPECIAL OBSERVATION POSTS AT THE POLES SCIENTISTS WILL TRY TO FIND OUT WHY.



CAN WE LEARN TO PREDICT EARTHQUAKES?

AS LONG AS MAN KNOWS SO LITTLE ABOUT EARTHQUAKES, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE DEATH AND DAMAGE. SEISMOLOGISTS WILL STUDY THE EARTH'S CRUST, ITS INNER AND OUTER SHELLS AND ITS CORE, AS WELL AS HOW EARTHQUAKES FORM AND HOW STRONG THEY ARE, TO HELP DEVELOP PREDICTION METHODS ABOUT TIMES OF OCCURANCE AND LOCATION.

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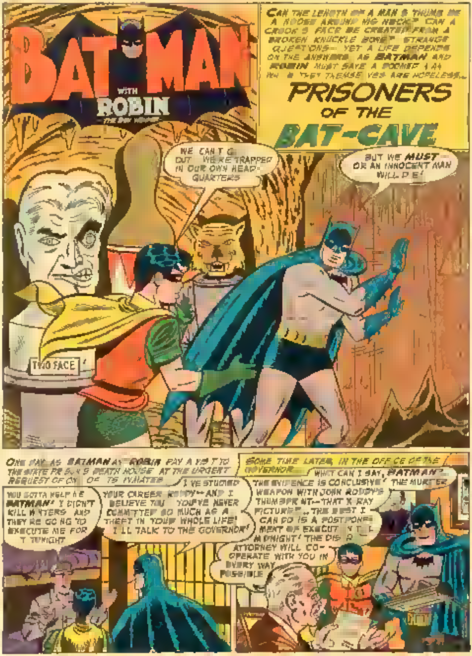
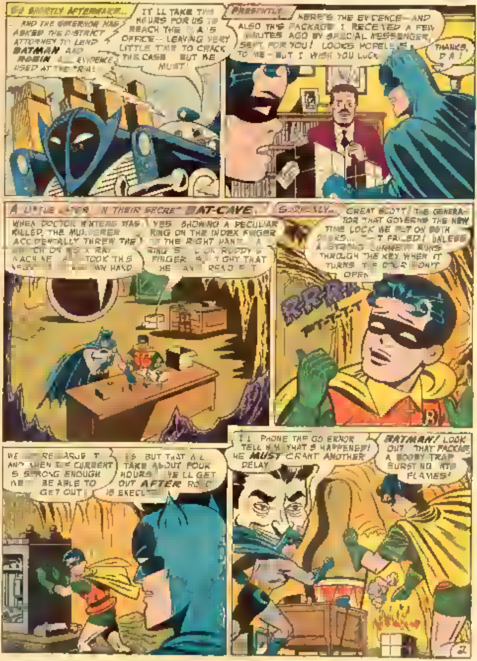

BATMAN
WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
CAN THE LENGTH OF A MAN'S THUMB BE A NOOSE AROUND HIS NECK? CAN A CROOK'S FACE BE CREATED FROM A BROKEN KNUCKLE BONE? STRANGE QUESTIONS— YET A LIFE DEPENDS ON THE ANSWERS, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST SAVE A DOOMED MAN WHILE THEY THEMSELVES ARE HOPELESS...
PRISONERS OF THE BAT-CAVE
WE CAN'T GET OUT! WE'RE TRAPPED IN OUR OWN HEADQUARTERS
BUT WE MUST OR AN INNOCENT MAN WILL DIE!
TWO FACE
ONE DAY AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PAY A VISIT TO THE STATE PRISON'S DEATH HOUSE AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF ONE OF ITS INMATES
YOU GOTTA HELP ME, BATMAN! I DIDN'T KILL WINTERS AND THEY'RE GOING TO EXECUTE ME FOR IT TONIGHT
I'VE STUDIED YOUR CAREER, ROBBY—AND I BELIEVE YOU. YOU'VE NEVER COMMITTED SO MUCH AS A THEFT IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE! I'LL TALK TO THE GOVERNOR!
SOME TIME LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
WHAT CAN I SAY, BATMAN? THE EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE! THE MURDER WEAPON WITH JOHN ROBBY'S THUMBPRINT—THAT X-RAY PICTURE... THE BEST I CAN DO IS A POSTPONEMENT OF EXECUTION TILL MIDNIGHT! THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL CO-OPERATE WITH YOU IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE


SO SHORTLY AFTERWARD... AND THE GOVERNOR HAS ASKED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO LEND BATMAN AND ROBIN ALL EVIDENCE USED AT THE TRIAL!
IT'LL TAKE TWO HOURS FOR US TO REACH THE D.A.'S OFFICE-- LEAVING VERY LITTLE TIME TO CRACK THE CASE! BUT WE MUST!
PRESENTLY...
HERE'S THE EVIDENCE--AND ALSO THIS PACKAGE I RECEIVED A FEW MINUTES AGO BY SPECIAL MESSENGER, SENT FOR YOU! LOOKS HOPELESS TO ME--BUT I WISH YOU LUCK!
THANKS, D.A.!
A LITTLE LATER, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...
WHEN DOCTOR WINTERS WAS KILLED, THE MURDERER ACCIDENTALLY THREW THE SWITCH ON HIS X-RAY MACHINE AND TOOK THIS [illegible] OWN HAND
YES, SHOWING A PECULIAR RING ON THE INDEX FINGER OF THE RIGHT HAND... A RING [illegible] RODDY'S FINGER! [illegible] THAT HE [illegible]
SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT! THE GENERATOR THAT GOVERNS THE NEW TIME LOCK WE PUT ON BOTH DOORS... HAS FAILED! UNLESS A STRONG CURRENT RUNS THROUGH THE KEY WHEN IT TURNS, THE DOOR WON'T OPEN!
R-R-R
T-T-T-T
WE [illegible] RECHARGE IT AND WHEN THE CURRENT IS STRONG ENOUGH WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT!
YES, BUT THAT'LL TAKE ABOUT FOUR HOURS! WE'LL GET OUT AFTER RODDY IS EXECU[illegible]
I'LL PHONE THE GOVERNOR, TELL HIM WHAT'S HAPPENED! HE MUST GRANT ANOTHER DELAY!
BATMAN! LOOK OUT! THAT PACKAGE-- A BOOBY TRAP-- BURSTING INTO FLAMES!
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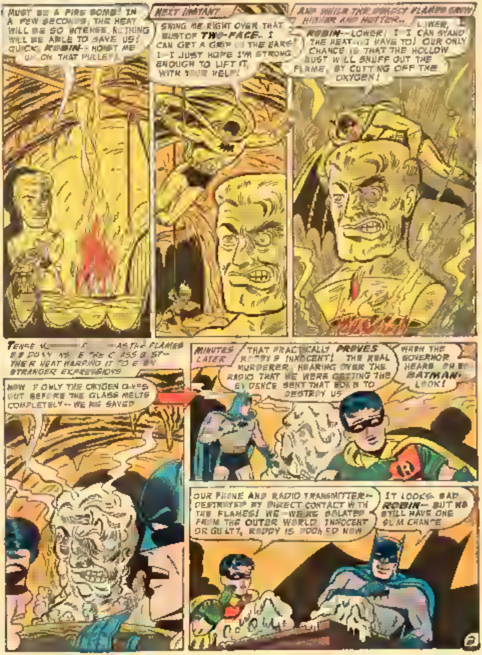
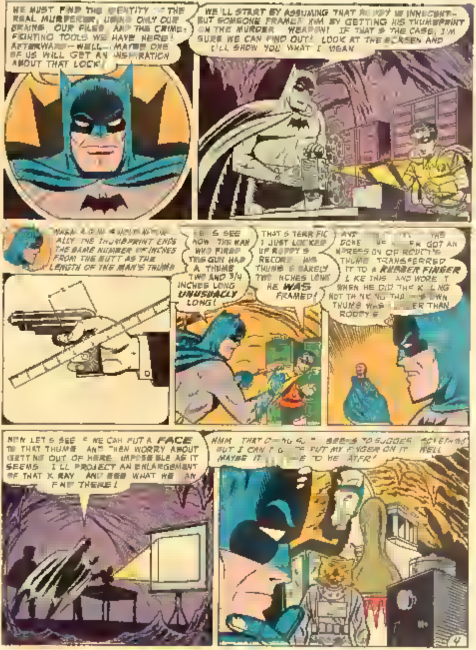
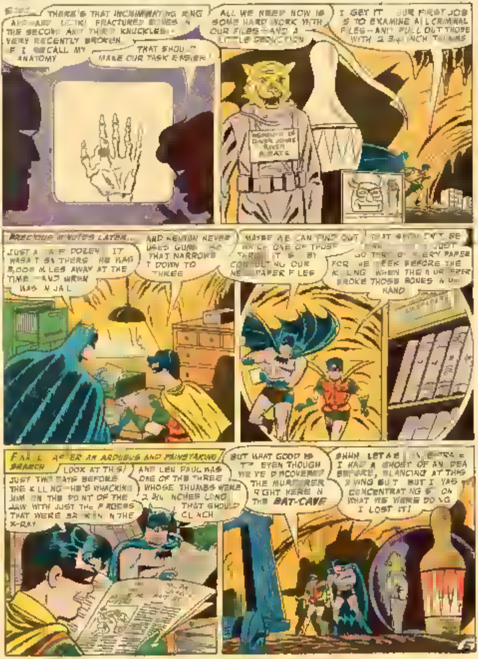
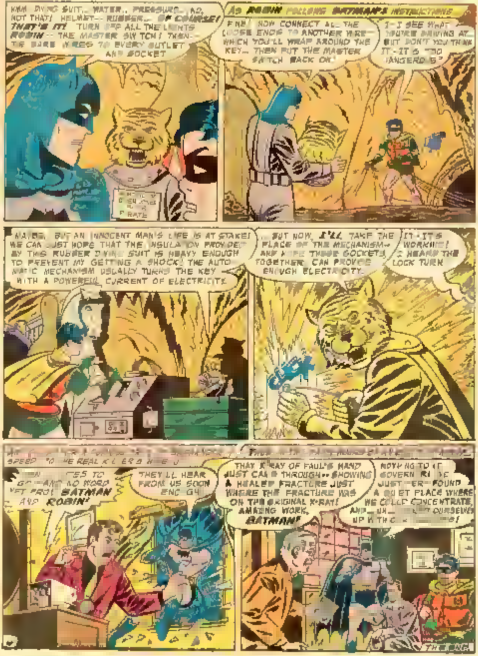
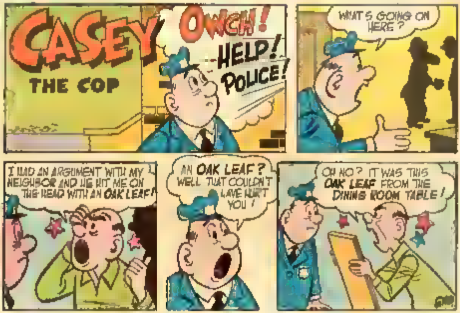
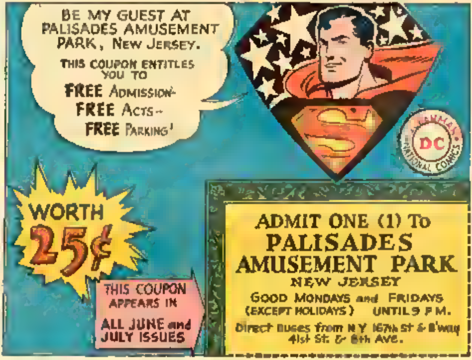

MUST BE A FIRE BOMB! IN A FEW SECONDS, THE HEAT WILL BE SO INTENSE, NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE US! QUICK, ROBIN-- HOIST ME UP ON THAT PULLEY!
NEXT INSTANT
SWING ME RIGHT OVER THAT BUST OF TWO-FACE.. I CAN GET A GRIP ON THE EARS-- I--I JUST HOPE I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO LIFT IT, WITH YOUR HELP!
AND WHILE THE [illegible] FLAMES GROW HIGHER AND HOTTER..
LOWER, ROBIN--LOWER! I--I CAN STAND THE HEAT...I HAVE TO! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT THE HOLLOW BUST WILL SNUFF OUT THE FLAME, BY CUTTING OFF THE OXYGEN!
TENSE M[illegible] AS THE FLAMES [illegible] THE GLASS BUST-- THEIR HEAT WARPING IT INTO EVEN STRANGER EXPRESSIONS
NOW IF ONLY THE OXYGEN GIVES OUT BEFORE THE GLASS MELTS COMPLETELY-- WE'RE SAVED
MINUTES LATER
THAT PRACTICALLY PROVES ROBBY'S INNOCENT! THE REAL MURDERER, HEARING OVER THE RADIO THAT WE WERE GETTING THE EVIDENCE SENT THAT BOMB TO DESTROY US
WHEN THE GOVERNOR HEARS [illegible] BATMAN-- LOOK!
OUR PHONE AND RADIO TRANSMITTER-- DESTROYED BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FLAMES! WE--WE'RE ISOLATED FROM THE OUTER WORLD. INNOCENT OR GUILTY, ROBBY IS DOOMED NOW
IT LOOKS BAD, ROBIN-- BUT WE STILL HAVE ONE SLIM CHANCE


WE MUST FIND THE IDENTITY OF THE REAL MURDERER, USING ONLY OUR BRAINS, OUR FILES, AND THE CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS WE HAVE HERE! AFTERWARD—WELL—MAYBE ONE OF US WILL GET AN INSPIRATION ABOUT THAT LOCK!
WE'LL START BY ASSUMING THAT RODDY IS INNOCENT—BUT SOMEONE FRAMED HIM BY GETTING HIS THUMBPRINT ON THE MURDER WEAPON! IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M SURE WE CAN FIND OUT! LOOK AT THE SCREEN AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN
WHEN A GUN IS HELD NATURALLY, THE THUMBPRINT ENDS THE SAME NUMBER OF INCHES FROM THE BUTT AS THE LENGTH OF THE MAN'S THUMB
LET'S SEE NOW, THE MAN WHO FIRED THIS GUN HAD A THUMB TWO AND 3/4 INCHES LONG—UNUSUALLY LONG!
THAT'S TERRIFIC! I JUST LOOKED UP RODDY'S RECORD. HIS THUMB IS BARELY TWO INCHES LONG! HE WAS FRAMED!
AND [illegible] DONE! THE KILLER GOT AN IMPRESSION OF RODDY'S THUMB, TRANSFERRED IT TO A RUBBER FINGER LIKE THIS, AND WORE IT WHEN HE DID THE KILLING, NOT THINKING THAT HIS OWN THUMB WAS LONGER THAN RODDY'S
NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PUT A FACE TO THAT THUMB—AND THEN WORRY ABOUT GETTING OUT OF HERE, IMPOSSIBLE AS IT SEEMS. I'LL PROJECT AN ENLARGEMENT OF THAT X-RAY AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND THERE!
HMM... THAT [illegible] SEEMS TO SUGGEST SOMETHING, BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT! WELL, MAYBE IT'LL COME TO ME LATER!


GOOD—
THERE'S THAT INCRIMINATING RING AND—AND LOOK! FRACTURED BONES IN THE SECOND AND THIRD KNUCKLES—VERY RECENTLY BROKEN, IF I RECALL MY ANATOMY
THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR TASK EASIER!
ALL WE NEED NOW IS SOME HARD WORK WITH OUR FILES—AND A LITTLE DEDUCTION
I GET IT! OUR FIRST JOB IS TO EXAMINE ALL CRIMINAL FILES—AND PULL OUT THOSE WITH 2 3/4 INCH THUMBS
MEMENTO OF DAVY JONES RIVER PIRATE
PRECIOUS MINUTES LATER...
JUST A HALF DOZEN! IT WASN'T SA THERE—HE WAS 5,000 MILES AWAY AT THE TIME—AND WREN WAS IN JAIL
AND KENYON NEVER USES GUNS! SO THAT NARROWS IT DOWN TO THREE
MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT WHICH ONE OF THOSE THREE IT IS BY CONSULTING OUR NEWSPAPER FILES
THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD [illegible] JUST GO THROUGH EVERY PAPER FOR THE WEEK BEFORE THE KILLING WHEN THE MURDERER BROKE THOSE BONES IN HIS HAND
NEWSPAPERS
FINALLY, AFTER AN ARDUOUS AND PAINSTAKING SEARCH
LOOK AT THIS! JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE KILLING—HE'S WHACKING HIM ON THE POINT OF THE JAW WITH JUST THE FINGERS THAT WERE BROKEN IN THE X-RAY
AND LEN PAUL WAS ONE OF THE THREE WHOSE THUMBS WERE 2 3/4 INCHES LONG! THAT SHOULD CLINCH
BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT? EVEN THOUGH WE'VE DISCOVERED THE MURDERER RIGHT HERE IN THE BAT-CAVE
SHHH! LET ME [illegible] I HAD A GHOST OF AN IDEA BEFORE, GLANCING AT THIS THING BUT— BUT I WAS CONCENTRATING SO ON WHAT WE WERE DOING I LOST IT!


HMM... DIVING SUIT... WATER... PRESSURE... NO, NOT THAT! HELMET-- RUBBER... OF COURSE! THAT'S IT! TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS ROBIN -- THE MASTER SWITCH! THEN-- TIE BARE WIRES TO EVERY OUTLET AND SOCKET
AS ROBIN FOLLOWS BATMAN'S INSTRUCTIONS...
FINE! NOW CONNECT ALL THE LOOSE ENDS TO ANOTHER WIRE-- WHICH YOU'LL WRAP AROUND THE KEY... THEN PUT THE MASTER SWITCH BACK ON!
I--I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT-- BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT--IT'S TOO DANGEROUS?
PIRATE
MAYBE, BUT AN INNOCENT MAN'S LIFE IS AT STAKE! WE CAN JUST HOPE THAT THE INSULATION PROVIDED BY THIS RUBBER DIVING SUIT IS HEAVY ENOUGH TO PREVENT MY GETTING A SHOCK! THE AUTOMATIC MECHANISM USUALLY TURNS THE KEY WITH A POWERFUL CURRENT OF ELECTRICITY
...BUT NOW, I'LL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE MECHANISM-- AND HOPE THESE SOCKETS, TOGETHER, CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH ELECTRICITY.
IT--IT'S WORKING! I HEARD THE LOCK TURN
SPEED TO THE REAL KILLER'S HIDE
MINUTES TO GO--AND NO WORD YET FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THEY'LL HEAR FROM US SOON ENOUGH
THAT X-RAY OF PAUL'S HAND JUST CAME THROUGH--SHOWING A HEALED FRACTURE JUST WHERE THE FRACTURE WAS ON THE ORIGINAL X-RAY! AMAZING WORK, BATMAN!
NOTHING TO IT, GOVERNOR! ROBIN AND I JUST FOUND A QUIET PLACE WHERE WE COULD CONCENTRATE, AND OURSELVES UP WITH THE
THE END


CASEY THE COP
OWCH! —HELP! POLICE!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I HAD AN ARGUMENT WITH MY NEIGHBOR AND HE HIT ME ON THE HEAD WITH AN OAK LEAF!
AN OAK LEAF? WELL THAT COULDN'T HAVE HURT YOU!
OH NO? IT WAS THIS OAK LEAF FROM THE DINING ROOM TABLE!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WITS ARE THEIR ONLY WEAPONS

They Never Have to Use a Gun, but These Unique Detectives Always Get Their Man and the Missing Money

HELLO there, stranger. I noticed in the hotel register that you're from Texas. I'm from Houston myself."

The big, beefy man with the bushy eyebrows glanced up from his newspaper in the lobby and glowered suspiciously at the well-groomed fellow addressing him.

"So what?" he grunted, by way of reply.

"So I reckoned we two Texans so far away from home up here in New York, ought to get acquainted. May I buy you a cup of coffee in the restaurant?" asked the stranger with a disarming smile.

"Well, I'm pretty busy. Expecting a business appointment—"

"Shucks, you'll only be a few minutes," the personable young man said. "It's been a mite lonely here, and seeing as how you're a Texan—"

"Okay-okay, let's have that cup of coffee," said the heavy-set man, yielding to the stranger's persistence.

After the coffee, the stranger insisted that the burly man help him choose some gifts in the lounge's shops to bring back home to Houston. Just when they were ready to part finally, another man, accompanied by two policemen, hurried up.

"You're under arrest," said one of the officers to the heavy-set man. "Better come quietly. We don't want any disturbance in the lobby. There's a squad car outside."

"Say, what's going on here?" he asked, angrily. Then, swiveling on his personable young acquaintance, he added: "Who are you? What kind of a frame-up is this?"

"No frame-up at all. I'm an agent of the American Express Company, and my partner and I finally caught up with you. You've been passing forged Travelers Cheques for months."

"So you're a detective, huh? Why didn't you arrest me?"

"Because we're not empowered to. Neither are we armed. That's why I faked being a Texan and kept you occupied until my partner located the police."

This is typical of how those unusual international sleuths of the Inspector's Department of the American Express Company work. Cornering confidence men, foiling forgers, and outwitting counterfeiters is their purpose. For travelers' checks, a form of travel money purchased at any bank or American Express office in this country, and redeemed anywhere in the world merely by having the possessor endorse the draft, lure all sorts of criminals.

In the main, however, their job is to track down stolen checks, and recover them for their clients while assisting the police in apprehending the thieves. Since their clients travel all over the globe, American Express agents naturally cooperate with Interpol (International Police Commission), Scotland Yard, and the French Surete, as well as with law enforcement bodies of every nation in the world.

The U. S. Secret Service, as well as the F. B. I., also work hand in glove with the American Express. As a result, not only have counterfeit rings that specialized in checks and bogus money been smashed, but notorious and elusive criminals have been caught.

While the abrupt appearance of fake checks and the sudden disappearance of legitimate checks absorb most of the attention of the Inspector's Department, one of the principal jobs also deals with destroyed checks. A playful pup chews them up, a maid disposes of them in the garbage, someone throws them into the fire for kindling—all these and more, occur every day. Yet it is only a matter of routine to have duplicates restored. The request, including such data as date and place of purchase and the checks' serial numbers, is honored, and either a refund in cash or additional checks are immediately issued.

These ordinary, routine jobs are sometimes enlivened by mystery. American Express Inspector's Department agents still cherish the incident that involved a popular motion picture star. While making a personal appearance tour in conjunction with his latest movie, he exchanged a sizeable sum of cash for checks. Report of their loss immediately brought an operative to the scene.

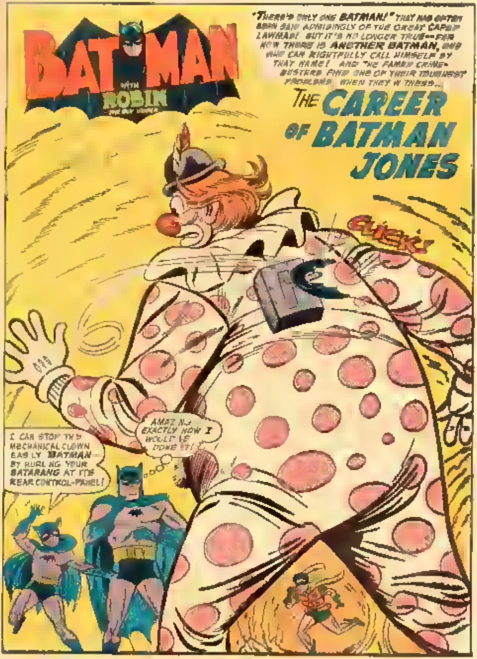
Diligently, he set about to work, tracing the various offices where the checks had been bought. After trekking through half the country, he was able to account for a good part of them. But then he ran into a stone wall—until he came across a purchase order. What mystified him was the fact that while the handwriting was the same as the actor's, the name was different.

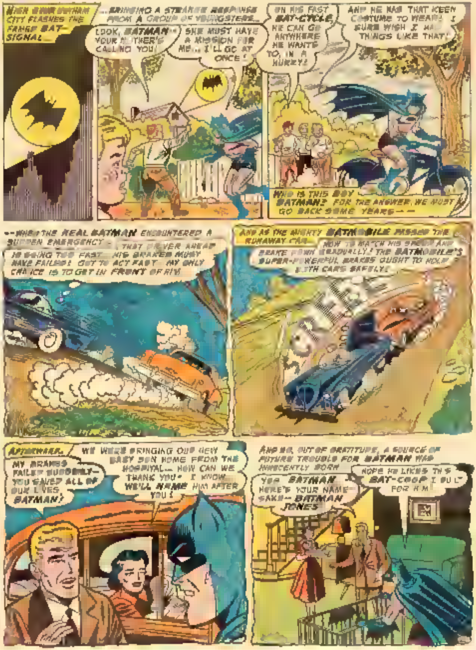
He pondered the problem for awhile, and then, suddenly, from the far reaches of his memory, came the clue. He contacted the actor immediately by phone to confirm his suspicion. Yes, it was true. The case was solved. The actor, in a moment of forgetfulness, had signed his *real* name instead of the pseudonym by which he had gained his movie fame!

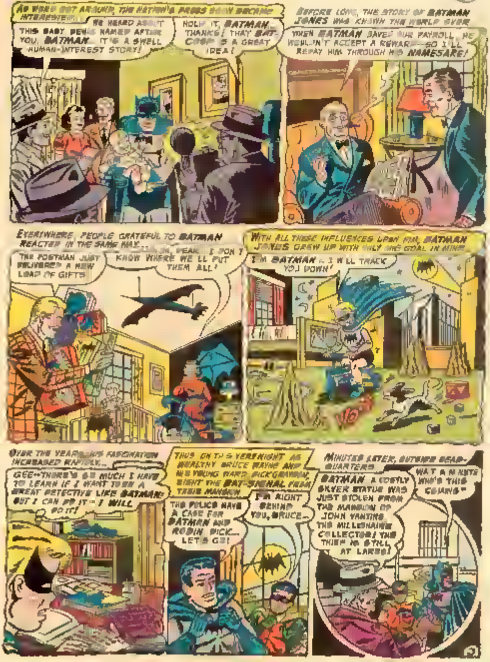
Tenacity and timeliness are two of the key words which make up the character of the operative. Every cashed check is verified at American Express's Manhattan office. When laboratory technicians spotted a host of phonies, detectives were immediately assigned to rout the counterfeiters. Little did they realize how extensive a trail they would have to travel before they could nab their men.

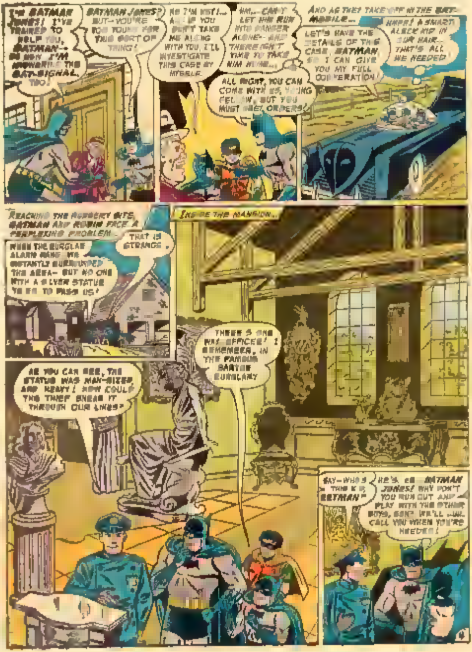
Agents from the company's entire network cooperated. Somewhere someone—possibly a gang—was printing illicit Travelers Cheques and foisting them on innocent tourists. From Paris, the search led to Rome, then to Algiers. Back to Europe went the detectives, this time to Barcelona, then over to London. When the gang was finally rounded up some three years later, almost every country in Europe, Africa and the British Isles had been thoroughly investigated. Of the hundreds of suspects, 60 were arrested, stood trial, and were convicted. Today they are still imprisoned in jails in France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Holland, the United States, Luxembourg, Spain, and Italy.

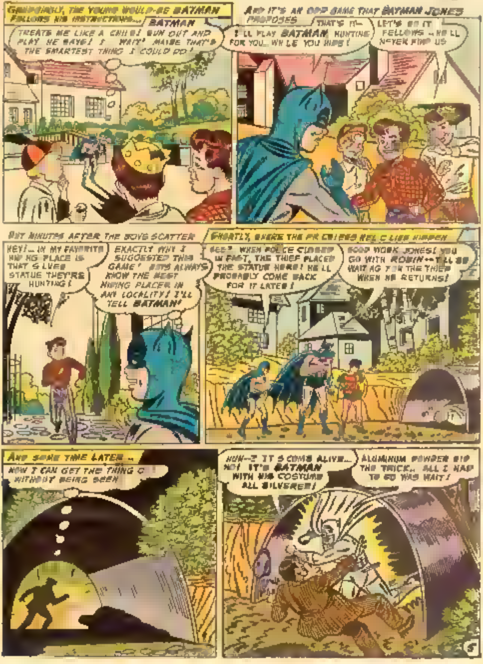
If "money talks," as the expression goes, the most damaging witnesses against these criminals were their own counterfeit checks. They put them behind bars.

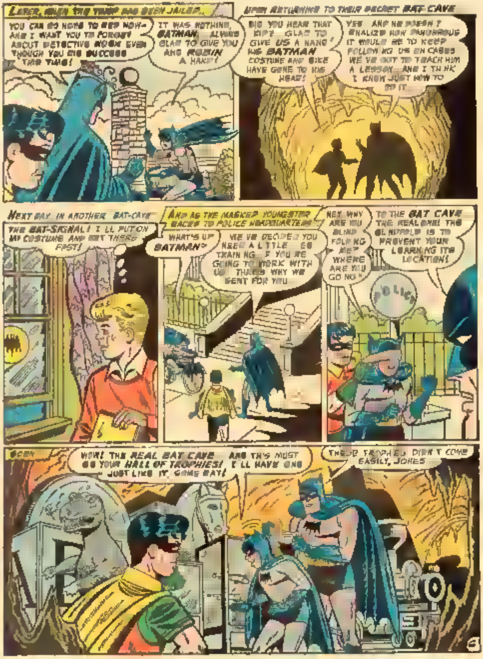

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
"THERE'S ONLY ONE BATMAN!" THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID ADMIRINGLY OF THE GREAT CAPED LAWMAN! BUT IT'S NO LONGER TRUE--FOR NOW THERE IS ANOTHER BATMAN, ONE WHO CAN RIGHTFULLY CALL HIMSELF BY THAT NAME! AND THE FAMED CRIME-BUSTERS FIND ONE OF THEIR TOUGHEST PROBLEMS WHEN THEY WITNESS...
THE CAREER OF BATMAN JONES
CLICK!
I CAN STOP THIS MECHANICAL CLOWN EASILY, BATMAN--BY HURLING YOUR BATARANG AT ITS REAR CONTROL-PANEL!
AMAZING! EXACTLY HOW I WOULD'VE DONE IT!

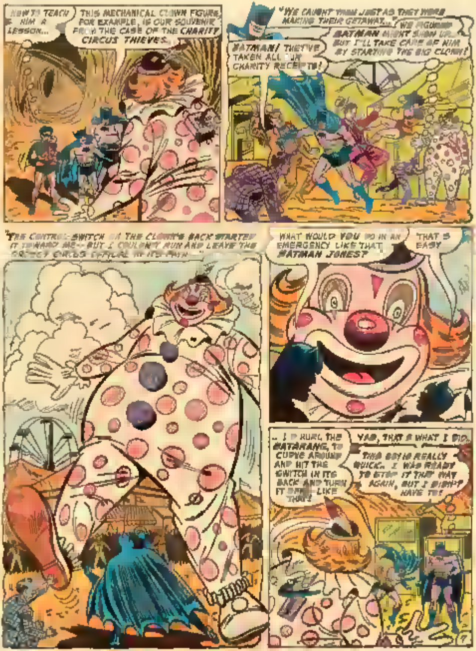

WHEN GOTHAM CITY FLASHES THE FAMED BAT-SIGNAL...
...BRINGING A STRANGE RESPONSE FROM A GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS...
LOOK, BATMAN-- YOUR MOTHER'S CALLING YOU!
SHE MUST HAVE A MISSION FOR ME... I'LL GO AT ONCE!
ON HIS FAST BAT-CYCLE HE CAN GO ANYWHERE HE WANTS TO, IN A HURRY!
AND HE HAS THAT KEEN COSTUME TO WEAR! I SURE WISH I HAD THINGS LIKE THAT!
WHO IS THIS BOY BATMAN? FOR THE ANSWER, WE MUST GO BACK SOME YEARS---
--WHEN THE REAL BATMAN ENCOUNTERED A SUDDEN EMERGENCY -
THAT DRIVER AHEAD IS GOING TOO FAST... HIS BRAKES MUST HAVE FAILED! GOT TO ACT FAST... MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO GET IN FRONT OF HIM!
AND AS THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE PASSED THE RUNAWAY CAR...
NOW TO MATCH HIS SPEED AND BRAKE DOWN GRADUALLY! THE BATMOBILE'S SUPER-POWERFUL BRAKES OUGHT TO HOLD BOTH CARS SAFELY!
AFTERWARD...
MY BRAKES FAILED SUDDENLY-- YOU SAVED ALL OF OUR LIVES, BATMAN!
WE WERE BRINGING OUR NEW BABY SON HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL... HOW CAN WE THANK YOU-- I KNOW... WE'LL NAME HIM AFTER YOU!
AND SO, OUT OF GRATITUDE, A SOURCE OF FUTURE TROUBLE FOR BATMAN WAS INNOCENTLY BORN
YES, BATMAN-- HERE'S YOUR NAMESAKE-- BATMAN JONES
HOPE HE LIKES THIS BAT-COOP I BUILT FOR HIM!

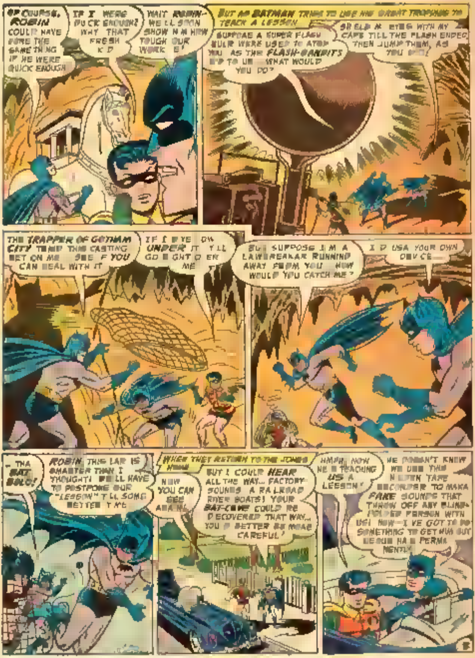

AS WORD GOT AROUND, THE NATION'S PRESS SOON BECAME INTERESTED...
WE HEARD ABOUT THIS BABY BEING NAMED AFTER YOU, BATMAN... IT'S A SWELL HUMAN-INTEREST STORY!
HOLD IT, BATMAN... THANKS! THAT BAT-COOP IS A GREAT IDEA!
BEFORE LONG, THE STORY OF BATMAN JONES WAS KNOWN THE WORLD OVER
WHEN BATMAN SAVED OUR PAYROLL, HE WOULDN'T ACCEPT A REWARD--SO I'LL REPAY HIM THROUGH HIS NAMESAKE!
EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE GRATEFUL TO BATMAN REACTED IN THE SAME WAY...
THE POSTMAN JUST DELIVERED A NEW LOAD OF GIFTS
OH, DEAR, I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'LL PUT THEM ALL!
WITH ALL THESE INFLUENCES UPON HIM, BATMAN JONES GREW UP WITH ONLY ONE GOAL IN MIND
I'M BATMAN -- I WILL TRACK YOU DOWN!
OVER THE YEARS, HIS FASCINATION INCREASED RAPIDLY...
GEE--THERE'S SO MUCH I HAVE TO LEARN IF I WANT TO BE A GREAT DETECTIVE LIKE BATMAN! BUT I CAN DO IT -- I WILL DO IT!
THUS ON THIS VERY NIGHT AS WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON SIGHT THE BAT-SIGNAL FROM THEIR MANSION
THE POLICE HAVE A CASE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN, DICK... LET'S GO!
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BRUCE...
MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS
BATMAN, A COSTLY SILVER STATUE WAS JUST STOLEN FROM THE MANSION OF JOHN VANTINE, THE MILLIONAIRE COLLECTOR! THE THIEF IS STILL AT LARGE!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHO'S THIS COMING?


I'M BATMAN JONES! I'VE TRAINED TO HELP YOU, BATMAN-- SO NOW I'M ANSWERING THE BAT-SIGNAL, TOO!
BATMAN JONES? BUT--YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR THIS SORT OF THING!
NO I'M NOT!-- AND IF YOU DON'T TAKE ME ALONG WITH YOU, I'LL INVESTIGATE THIS CASE BY MYSELF.
HM...CAN'T LET HIM RUN INTO DANGER ALONE-- AND THERE ISN'T TIME TO TAKE HIM HOME...
ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN COME WITH US, YOUNG FELLOW, BUT YOU MUST OBEY ORDERS!
AND AS THEY TAKE OFF IN THE BATMOBILE...
LET'S HAVE THE DETAILS OF THE CASE, BATMAN, SO I CAN GIVE YOU MY FULL COOPERATION!
HMPF! A SMART ALECK KID IN OUR HAIR-- THAT'S ALL WE NEEDED!
REACHING THE ROBBERY SITE, BATMAN AND ROBIN FACE A PERPLEXING PROBLEM...
WHEN THE BURGLAR ALARM RANG, WE INSTANTLY SURROUNDED THE AREA-- BUT NO ONE WITH A SILVER STATUE TRIED TO PASS US!
THAT IS STRANGE.
INSIDE THE MANSION...
THERE'S ONE WAY, OFFICER! I REMEMBER, IN THE FAMOUS BARTHE BURGLARY
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE STATUE WAS MAN-SIZED AND HEAVY! HOW COULD THE THIEF SNEAK IT THROUGH OUR LINES?
SAY--WHO'S THIS KID, BATMAN?
HE'S, ER... BATMAN JONES! WHY DON'T YOU RUN OUT AND PLAY WITH THE OTHER BOYS, SON? WE'LL...UH... CALL YOU WHEN YOU'RE NEEDED!


GRUDGINGLY, THE YOUNG WOULD-BE BATMAN FOLLOWS HIS INSTRUCTIONS...
BATMAN TREATS ME LIKE A CHILD! RUN OUT AND PLAY HE SAYS! I-- WAIT! MAYBE THAT'S THE SMARTEST THING I COULD DO!
AND IT'S AN ODD GAME THAT BATMAN JONES PROPOSES
THAT'S IT-- I'LL PLAY BATMAN, HUNTING FOR YOU, WHILE YOU HIDE!
LET'S DO IT, FELLOWS -- HE'LL NEVER FIND US
BUT MINUTES AFTER THE BOYS SCATTER
HEY!... IN MY FAVORITE HIDING PLACE IS THAT SILVER STATUE THEY'RE HUNTING!
EXACTLY WHY I SUGGESTED THIS GAME! BOYS ALWAYS KNOW THE BEST HIDING PLACES IN ANY LOCALITY! I'LL TELL BATMAN!
SHORTLY, WHERE THE PRICELESS RELIC LIES HIDDEN
SEE? WHEN POLICE CLOSED IN FAST, THE THIEF PLACED THE STATUE HERE! HE'LL PROBABLY COME BACK FOR IT LATER!
GOOD WORK, JONES! YOU GO WITH ROBIN -- I'LL BE WAITING FOR THE THIEF WHEN HE RETURNS!
AND SOME TIME LATER...
NOW I CAN GET THE THING OUT WITHOUT BEING SEEN
HUH--? IT'S COME ALIVE... NO! IT'S BATMAN WITH HIS COSTUME ALL SILVERED!
ALUMINUM POWDER DID THE TRICK... ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WAIT!


LATER, WHEN THE THIEF HAS BEEN JAILED...
YOU CAN GO HOME TO BED NOW— AND I WANT YOU TO FORGET ABOUT DETECTIVE WORK EVEN THOUGH YOU DID SUCCEED THIS TIME!
IT WAS NOTHING, BATMAN. ALWAYS GLAD TO GIVE YOU AND ROBIN A HAND!
UPON RETURNING TO THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE
DID YOU HEAR THAT KID? 'GLAD TO GIVE US A HAND!' HIS BATMAN COSTUME AND BIKE HAVE GONE TO HIS HEAD!
YES. AND HE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW DANGEROUS IT WOULD BE TO KEEP FOLLOWING US ON CASES. WE'VE GOT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON... AND I THINK I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT.
NEXT DAY, IN ANOTHER 'BAT-CAVE'
THE BAT-SIGNAL! I'LL PUT ON MY COSTUME AND GET THERE FAST!
AND AS THE MASKED YOUNGSTER RACES TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT'S UP, BATMAN?
WE'VE DECIDED YOU NEED A LITTLE MORE TRAINING IF YOU'RE GOING TO WORK WITH US. THAT'S WHY WE SENT FOR YOU.
HEY! WHY ARE YOU BLINDFOLDING ME? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE BAT CAVE— THE REAL ONE! THE BLINDFOLD IS TO PREVENT YOUR LEARNING ITS LOCATION!
POLICE
SOON...
WOW! THE REAL BAT CAVE... AND THIS MUST BE YOUR HALL OF TROPHIES! I'LL HAVE ONE JUST LIKE IT, SOME DAY!
THESE TROPHIES DIDN'T COME EASILY, JONES.


HOW TO TEACH HIM A LESSON...
THIS MECHANICAL CLOWN FIGURE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS OUR SOUVENIR FROM THE CASE OF THE CHARITY CIRCUS THIEVES.
"WE CAUGHT THEM JUST AS THEY WERE MAKING THEIR GETAWAY..."
BATMAN! THEY'VE TAKEN ALL OUR CHARITY RECEIPTS!
WE FIGURED BATMAN MIGHT SHOW UP... BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM BY STARTING THE BIG CLOWN!
"THE CONTROL-SWITCH ON THE CLOWN'S BACK STARTED IT TOWARD ME-- BUT I COULDN'T RUN AND LEAVE THE CIRCUS OFFICIAL IN ITS PATH..."
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY LIKE THAT, BATMAN JONES?
THAT'S EASY
...I'D HURL THE BATARANG, TO CURVE AROUND AND HIT THE SWITCH IN ITS BACK AND TURN IT OFF... LIKE THAT!
YAP, THAT'S WHAT I DID...
THIS BOY IS REALLY QUICK... I WAS READY TO STOP IT THAT WAY AGAIN, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE TO!


OF COURSE, ROBIN COULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING IF HE WERE QUICK ENOUGH!
IF I WERE QUICK ENOUGH? WHY, THAT FRESH KID!
WAIT, ROBIN-- WE'LL SOON SHOW HIM HOW TOUGH OUR WORK IS!
BUT AS BATMAN TRIES TO USE HIS GREAT TROPHIES TO TEACH A LESSON
SUPPOSE A SUPER FLASH BULB WERE USED TO STOP YOU AS THE FLASH-BANDITS DID TO US... WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
SHIELD MY EYES WITH MY CAPE TILL THE FLASH ENDED, THEN JUMP THEM, AS YOU DID!
THE TRAPPER OF GOTHAM CITY TRIED THIS CASTING NET ON ME... SEE IF YOU CAN DEAL WITH IT
IF I DIVE LOW UNDER IT, IT'LL GO RIGHT OVER ME
BUT SUPPOSE I'M A LAWBREAKER RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU... HOW WOULD YOU CATCH ME?
I'D USE YOUR OWN DEVICE--
--THE BAT BOLO!
ROBIN, THIS LAD IS SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT! WE'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE OUR "LESSON" TILL SOME BETTER TIME!
WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE JONES HOME
NOW YOU CAN SEE AGAIN!
BUT I COULD HEAR ALL THE WAY... FACTORY SOUNDS, A RAILROAD, RIVER BOATS! YOUR BAT-CAVE COULD BE DISCOVERED THAT WAY... YOU'D BETTER BE MORE CAREFUL!
HMPH! NOW HE'S TEACHING US A LESSON!
HE DOESN'T KNOW WE USE THIS HIDDEN TAPE RECORDER TO MAKE FAKE SOUNDS THAT THROW OFF ANY BLINDFOLDED PERSON WITH US! NOW--I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO GET HIM OUT BECAUSE HE'S A PERMANENT
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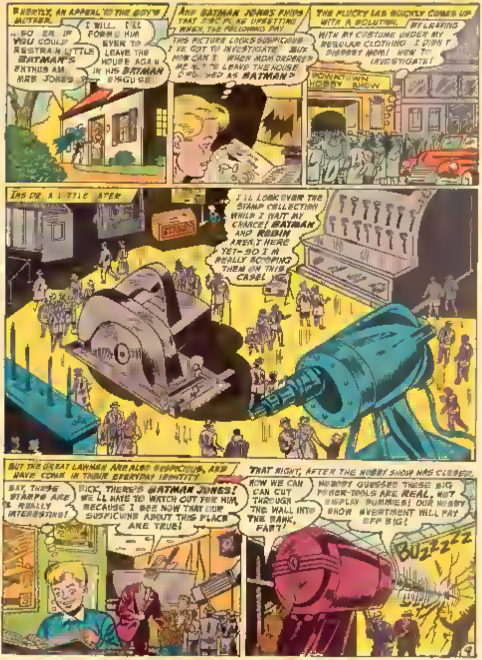
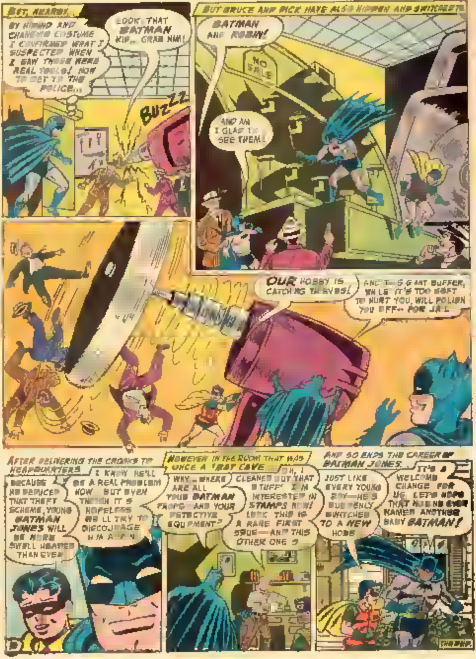
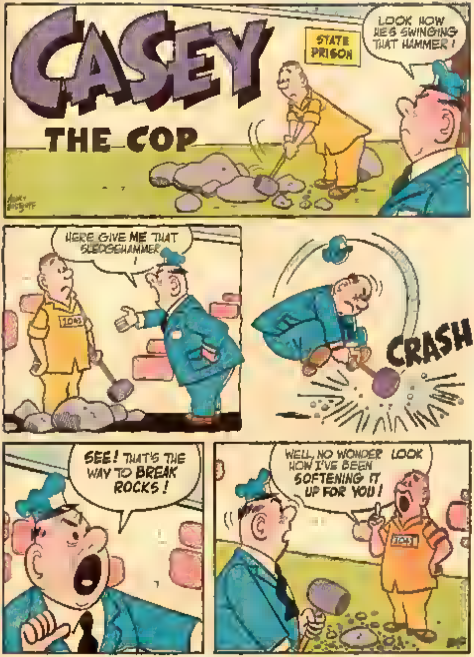

SHORTLY, AN APPEAL TO THE BOY'S MOTHER.
...SO, ER, IF YOU COULD RESTRAIN LITTLE BATMAN'S ENTHUSIASM, MRS. JONES--
I WILL. I'LL FORBID HIM EVER TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AGAIN IN HIS BATMAN DISGUISE
AND BATMAN JONES FINDS THAT DISCIPLINE UPSETTING WHEN, THE FOLLOWING DAY
THIS PICTURE LOOKS SUSPICIOUS! I'VE GOT TO INVESTIGATE! BUT HOW CAN I, WHEN MOM ORDERED ME NOT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE DRESSED AS BATMAN?
THE PLUCKY LAD QUICKLY COMES UP WITH A SOLUTION.
BY LEAVING WITH MY COSTUME UNDER MY REGULAR CLOTHING, I DIDN'T DISOBEY MOM! NOW TO INVESTIGATE!
DOWNTOWN HOBBY SHOW
INSIDE, A LITTLE LATER
I'LL LOOK OVER THE STAMP COLLECTION WHILE I WAIT MY CHANCE! BATMAN AND ROBIN AREN'T HERE YET--SO I'M REALLY SCOOPING THEM ON THIS CASE!
STAMPS
BUT THE GREAT LAWMEN ARE ALSO SUSPICIOUS, AND HAVE COME IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITY
SAY, THESE STAMPS ARE REALLY INTERESTING!
DICK, THERE'S BATMAN JONES! WE'LL HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR HIM, BECAUSE I SEE NOW THAT OUR SUSPICIONS ABOUT THIS PLACE ARE TRUE!
THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE HOBBY SHOW HAS CLOSED
NOW WE CAN CAN CUT THROUGH THE WALL INTO THE BANK, FAST!
NOBODY GUESSED THESE BIG POWER-TOOLS ARE REAL, NOT DISPLAY DUMMIES! OUR HOBBY SHOW INVESTMENT WILL PAY OFF BIG!
BUZZZZZZ


BUT, NEARBY...
BY HIDING AND CHANGING COSTUME I CONFIRMED WHAT I SUSPECTED WHEN I SAW THOSE WERE REAL TOOLS! NOW TO GET TO THE POLICE...
LOOK! THAT BATMAN KID... GRAB HIM!
BUZZZ
BUT BRUCE AND DICK HAVE ALSO HIDDEN AND SWITCHED!
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
NO SALE
AND AM I GLAD TO SEE THEM!
OUR HOBBY IS CATCHING THIEVES!
AND THIS GIANT BUFFER, WHILE IT'S TOO SOFT TO HURT YOU, WILL POLISH YOU OFF-- FOR JAIL!
AFTER DELIVERING THE CROOKS TO HEADQUARTERS
BECAUSE HE NOTICED THAT THEFT SCHEME, YOUNG BATMAN JONES WILL BE MORE SWELL HEADED THAN EVER!
I KNOW HE'LL BE A REAL PROBLEM NOW... BUT EVEN THOUGH IT'S HOPELESS WE'LL TRY TO DISCOURAGE HIM AGAIN!
HOWEVER, IN THE ROOM THAT WAS ONCE A "BAT CAVE"...
WHY... WHERE ARE ALL YOUR BATMAN PROPS AND YOUR DETECTIVE EQUIPMENT?
OH, I CLEANED OUT THAT STUFF! I'M INTERESTED IN STAMPS NOW! LOOK: THIS IS A RARE FIRST ISSUE-- AND THIS OTHER ONE'S...
AND SO ENDS THE CAREER OF BATMAN JONES.
JUST LIKE EVERY YOUNG BOY-- HE'S SUDDENLY SWITCHED TO A NEW HOBBY!
IT'S A WELCOME CHANGE FOR US. LET'S HOPE THAT NOBODY EVER NAMES ANOTHER BABY BATMAN!
THE END.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LOOK HOW HE'S SWINGING THAT HAMMER!
HERE GIVE ME THAT SLEDGEHAMMER!
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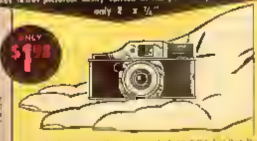

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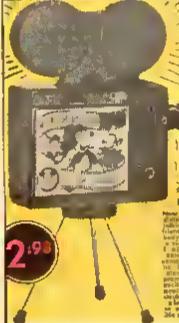

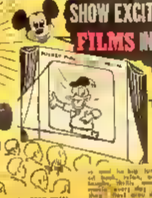

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